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For: CDNA SEQUENCE TRANSCRIBING AN mRNA ENCODING THE TERMINAL OXIDASE ASSOCIATED WITH CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHESIS, AND USES THEREOF

**REQUEST FOR STATUS OF ORIGINAL LETTERS PATENT**

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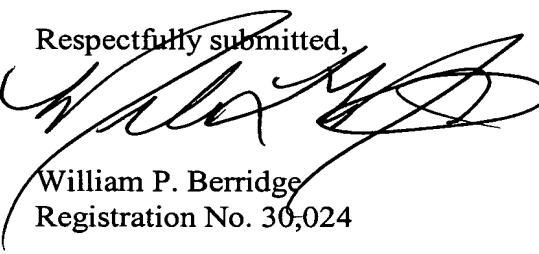
Sir:

The Issue Fee for the above-identified application was paid on March 10, 2005.

Applicants have not yet received the Original Letters Patent for this application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is requested to provide the undersigned with an indication of when the Letters Patent will be available.

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